

# Fort Sumter Museum Scavenger Hunt

1. What date was the first shot of the Civil War fired?
2. Which fort fired the first shot?-
3. What type of artillery fired the first shot?-
4. How long did the bombardment last?-
5. Who controlled Fort Sumter the next 4 years?-
6. How long did the Federal/Union siege of Charleston last?-
7. On what date did Confederate troops evacuate Fort Sumter? –

## **America's Coastal Defense**

8. Fort Sumter was built after which war?-
9. Who was president during this war?-
10. Fort Sumter's guns were meant to cross fire with which other fort in Charleston Harbor?-
11. The British attack on which U.S. city during the war of 1812 prompted the building of the 3rd system of United States Coastal Defense? -
12. Charleston was known as the what of the Low Country?-
13. How many forts were proposed as part of the 1826 report?-
14. How many tons of material were used to build the island Fort Sumter?-
15. Name 2 materials used to create the island-
16. What shape is Fort Sumter? –
17. Look at the model of Fort Sumter, name 3 differences between the fort in 1861 and today
18. How many men and guns could Fort Sumter hold?-

19. How many acres is Fort Sumter? –

### **A New Fort Called Sumter**

20. Who is Fort Sumter named after? –

21. What was his nickname? –

22. What war did he fight in? –

23. How many tiers was Fort Sumter originally? –

24. How many cannon were mounted at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861? –

25. How many bricks were used to build the Fort? –

26. How tall and how wide were the walls of Sumter? –

27. Why was Fort Sumter only 90% complete by 1860? –

28. Find the tabby in the display case, what material is it made out of? –

29. What were the slate shingles in the display case used for? –

30. Fort Sumter Becomes a Powder Keg

31. What did South Carolina militia do in response to Major Anderson's move from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter? –

32. What book was used to train soldiers? –

33. Why was controlling Fort Sumter so important? –

34. When was Anderson posted to Charleston? –

35. What state was Major Anderson from? –

36. Where was his wife from? –

37. Why was his heritage important? –

38. On what date did Anderson move his garrison from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter? –

39. At which military college in Charleston did South Carolina militia drill? –

- 40. In addition to the Forts, which other installation did South Carolina troops capture? –
- 41. What was the name of the supply ship Citadel cadets fired on in January 1861? –
- 42. Who commanded the Confederate troops in Charleston in March 1861-
- 43. Where did the women and children go after they left Fort Sumter in February 1861? –
- 44. What new concept did South Carolina forces use? –

### **America on the Verge of War**

- 45. What political issues were dividing the nation in 1860? –
- 46. What 2 cash crops drove the Southern economy in this era? –
- 47. What was the Northern economy based on?
- 48. What was Abraham Lincoln's position about slavery? –
- 49. On what date did South Carolina secede from the United States? –
- 50. How many states in total seceded? –
- 51. Which novel, written by Harriet Beecher Stowe, became a powerful voice against slavery? –
- 52. Where did the Democratic Party's National Meeting (presidential nominating convention) take place in April 1860? –
- 53. What political party did Abraham Lincoln represent? –
- 54. Who was his running mate in 1860? –
- 55. Look at the Lincoln/ Hamlin election poster, create your own Lincoln/ Hamlin bumper sticker or poster: Think about the political climate and the biggest political issues in the 1860 election:

56. When was the provisional government of the Confederate States of America formed?
57. Who did they elect as president? –
58. Read Mrs. Davis's quote about her husband's reaction to his election- why do you think he reacted this way?
59. In 1858 Lincoln states in a famous speech that he believes the union can no longer do what? –

### **Confederates Fire on Sumter**

60. What had Confederate troops done to Fort Sumter by April 12, 1861?-
61. What did the confederate Government tell Beauregard to do to avoid war?-
62. Who has been incorrectly credited with firing the 1<sup>st</sup> shot of the Civil War?-
63. How many Confederate cannons and mortars fired on Fort Sumter? –
64. Who fired the first Union shot?-
65. How many shells were fired on Fort Sumter? –
66. Where did U.S. supply ships wait for Anderson's garrison-

### **A Surrender at Sumter**

67. What happened to the Fort Sumter Barracks on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the battle?-
68. What type of cannon shot did Confederate troops at Fort Moultrie fire on Fort Sumter on April 13<sup>th</sup>? –
69. On what date did Major Anderson surrender? –

70. Who first negotiated Major Anderson's surrender without authorization?-

71. What were the terms of surrender negotiated by General Beauregard?-

### **Palmetto Guard Flag**

72. What was the first Confederate flag to fly over Fort Sumter?-

73. What was the Palmetto Guard?-

74. What flag was raised later in the day on April 14, 1861?-

75. How many volunteers did President Lincoln call for on April 15, 1861?-

76. What 4 states joined the Confederacy after Lincoln's call for volunteers?-

77. On April 19<sup>th</sup> Lincoln ordered what?-

78. What would this blockade accomplish? –

### **Sumter Under Fire**

79. Why were the Columbiad cannon unusable? –

80. What confederate submarine was the first to successfully sink an enemy ship?-

81. What was the Hunley made out of?-

82. What type of weapon made the Hunley so deadly?-

83. What were friction primers used for? –

84. What did Thomas Rodman develop? –

85. What was the first rifled cannon used in American warfare? –

86. How many 300 pound Parrot rifles were used during the Civil War?-

### **Fort Sumter Becomes a Symbol**

87. What did Fort Sumter symbolize to the North and the South? –

88. Why was Fort Sumter strategically important?-

### **Federal Forces Lay Siege to Charleston**

89. When did Union forces capture Port Royal? –
90. What happened on June 16, 1862?–
91. What Union commander led the 9 Federal ironclads in their assault of Charleston Harbor on April 7, 1863? –
92. What was the name of the U.S.S. Ironclad that sank?–
93. Look at the Keokuk model, how many shots hit the boat before it sank?–
94. On what date did the Keokuk sink?–

### **Major Anderson Portrait**

95. At which military college did Major Anderson serve as an artillery instructor? –
96. What wars did Anderson serve in?–
97. What rank was Anderson promoted to after the Battle of Fort Sumter? –
98. What did Major Anderson do at Fort Sumter on April 14, 1865? –

### **The Siege Continues**

99. What was the Federal/Union strategy after the ironclad failure? –
100. What fortification on Morris Island was Fort Sumter's principle outpost?–
101. What famous unit led the assault on Battery 'Wagner on July 18, 1863?–
102. Who commanded the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts?–
103. What percentage of men did the 54<sup>th</sup> lose in the attack? –
104. Who lead Union forces in an effort to capture Morris Island between 1863-1864?–
105. What new piece of artillery did Gilmore use to bombard Fort Sumter and Charleston?–

### **Life Under Siege**

106. What was like for Confederate troops at Fort Sumter? –

- 107. How many men of colored enlisted in the Union Army?
- 108. How did Confederate troops use slaves? –
- 109. What did Union troops do to Sumter between September 1863 and September 1864?–
- 110. What happened at Fort Sumter on December 11, 1863? –
- 111. How did the Confederate troops fortify the channel side of Fort Sumter? –
- 112. How large was Major Anderson’s storm flag? –
- 113. What happened to the flag pole on April 13, 1861 during the battle of Fort Sumter? –
- 114. Where did the flag go after the battle? –

### **Stalemate Reaches an End**

- 115. Which general’s move from Savannah to Columbia cut Fort Sumter supplies broke to stalemate for the Fort? –
- 116. On what date did the Civil War end? –
- 117. Did the Confederate troops ever surrender any of the fortifications in Charleston Harbor? –
- 118. What happened at Fort Sumter on April 14, 1865?–
- 119. On what date did Confederate troops evacuate Fort Sumter? –
- 120. What events contributed to Charleston being in ruins by 1865? –
- 121. What were popular in 1865? –

### **Fort Sumter after the Civil War**

- 122. Who facilitated the clean- up of Fort Sumter? –

- 123. Why did the clean-up of Fort Sumter stop in 1876? –
- 124. What was placed at Fort Sumter in 1899-
- 125. What made these static forts obsolete? –
- 126. When was Fort Sumter decommissioned? –
- 127. When did it become a National Monument? –
- 128. What war prompted the building of Battery Huger? –

**Uncovering the Past**

- 129. What did archeologist do after the Fort was turned over to the National Park Service?-
- 130. Describe 3 things that the excavation of Fort Sumter uncovered